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A Congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Please silence all cell phones.

* Those who are able, please stand.

† Latecomers may be seated.

How we worship: Each church has its own worship style, but worship is more than style. It begins with a heart for God through faith in Christ. It is also a dialogue between God and his people; he speaks, and we respond. Finally, worship is defined by God, not our imaginations. All that we do in worship (e.g. singing, praying, affirming our faith, preaching, etc.) comes from God's word. He promises to meet with us as we praise him in these ways.

Call to worship: God calls his people into his holy and loving presence in worship. As we worship we are blessed with the joy of the Lord. Today he graciously invites all people to worship through faith in Christ.

WELCOME TO REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ-centered · Gospel-driven · Kingdom-focused

By God's grace and for his glory, we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching lost sinners with the free offer of the gospel and equipping Christians to love, serve, and share Christ in all of life.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS — (see page 11)

Rev. Matt Lucas

MOMENT OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 34:1, 8

Elder Doug Dolan

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

† * HYMN OF ADORATION — *At All Times I Will Bless the Lord*

ARP Psalter 34A | Tune: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

At all times I will bless the Lord,
In praise my mouth employ
My soul is boasting in the Lord;
The poor will hear with joy.
O glorify the Lord with me,
Let us exalt His name.
In all my fears I sought the Lord,
From Him my rescue came.

They looked to Him and radiant were,
Ashamed they shall not be.
The Lord heard when this poor man cried,
From trouble set him free.
The Angel of the Lord encamps
Around those fearing Him;
Those trusting Him He safely guards,
And He delivers them.

O taste and see the Lord is good;
Those trusting him are blessed.
O fear the Lord, saints; none who fear
Will be with need oppressed
The lions young may hungry be,
And they may lack their food;
But they who truly seek the Lord
Will not lack any good.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*** LORD'S PRAYER — Matthew 6:9-13**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH — Westminster Shorter Catechism #37-38**

Elder: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death and at the resurrection?

People: **The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.**

At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prayer of invocation:

Invocation means “to call upon.” Even as God calls us to worship, we call upon God to fill our hearts with his Spirit to assure us that we belong to him and to help us worship him in Spirit and truth.

Affirmation of our faith:

Believing God’s truth sets us free from the lies of Satan, the world, and our sinful hearts. We affirm our faith in the truth each Sunday in order to worship God, strengthen our faith, and encourage one another.

Call to renewal: God calls his people to renew their commitment to him as he renews his commitment to us. Through his word, the sin that we hide is exposed, not to shame us, but to lead us to repentance so that we can be forgiven. With grateful hearts, we receive instruction in the way of righteousness.

Confession of sin: Our sin isn't just about breaking rules, it's about hurting our relationship with a loving God who gave up his Son to save us. Grace softens our hard hearts so that we freely confess our sins during a time of silent confession. We also confess our sins together as the people of God have always done in worship.

Words of assurance: God uses his word to convict our conscience of sin, but he also assures us that we are forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ and dearly loved.

† * **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** — *It Is Well With My Soul*
Trinity Hymnal #691 (vv. 1, 4)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

Women: It is well **Men:** It is well
Women: with my soul; **Men:** with my soul;
All: it is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"—it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)

CALL TO RENEWAL — Philippians 3:8
Rev. Matt Lucas

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus,
You grant to us assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to a glorious eternity. But so many times we forget these benefits. Doubts enter and we begin to value the things of earth more than your heavenly gifts. Forgive us, and deepen our faith in you alone, in whose name we pray, amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE — Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

*** HYMN OF ASSURANCE — *My Worth Is Not In What I Own***

Words & Music: Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Graham Kendrick

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My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name;
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

Chorus:

I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (*Chorus*)

Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. (*Chorus x 2*)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Zack Keuthan

CHILDREN'S HYMN—*What Is Our Only Hope In Life and Death?*

Words: The New City Catechism | Music: Frank Hernandez

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What is our only hope in life and death?
That we are not our own but belong to God.
That we are not our own but belong to God.

What is our only hope in life and death?
That we are not our own but belong to God.
We are not our own, we are not our own.
We are not our own but belong to God.

Worship through singing:

God delights in hearing his people sing. As we sing our faith, we give praise to God and he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

Children's Sermon:

Please come forward for the children's sermon as we sing the last verse of the hymn. The children's sermon makes the Bible accessible to young children.

Parents: You are welcome to accompany your child to the front.

Doxology: Doxology means “praise.” We praise God because of his generosity to us.

Sermon: The Bible teaches us how to know Jesus and experience his saving work. The sermon is for proclaiming Jesus and how we can trust in him for salvation and live for his glory. For those who receive the Bible as the word of God, it is profitable to teach us, rebuke our sins, build us up in his grace, and train us in righteousness.

Sermons available at
www.refpres.org

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON — “A Crisis of Faith”

Rev. Zack Keuthan

Psalm 73

- [1] Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- [2] But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
- [3] For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- [4] For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
- [5] They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
- [6] Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
- [7] Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
- [8] They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
- [9] They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.
- [10] Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
- [11] And they say, “How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?”
- [12] Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
- [13] All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
- [14] For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.

- [15] If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
- [16] But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
- [17] until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.
- [18] Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
- [19] How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
- [20] Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
- [21] When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
- [22] I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.
- [23] Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
- [24] You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
- [25] Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- [26] My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- [27] For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
- [28] But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

SERMON NOTES

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT — *He Will Hold Me Fast***

Words and Music: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

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When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. (*Chorus*)

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! (*Chorus*)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Psalm 34 (Taste and See)***

Words and Music: Joe Rigney | Shane Barnard

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Chorus:

Magnify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name forever. (*Repeat*)

POSTLUDE

Benediction: A benediction is not a prayer, but a pronouncement from God of his blessing and approval. God sends his people out to live in the strength of his blessing upon our lives.

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GET CONNECTED

Sunday School

Classes at Kirkside Hall (brick building next door), 9:30 am; nursery provided

Adult Class: *Galatians*—Tim Crunk & Ben Oldham (Fellowship Hall),
Marriage — Rev. Boone Leigh (Sanctuary Basement)

Children: *The Gospel Story* - 3 Classes
Pre-K—Nancy George and Sarah De Hoog (Classroom)
K-2nd—Mary Keyzer and Sallye Lucas (Classroom)
3rd-5th—Mitch Harper and Levi Friedly (Kitchen)

Middle School: *Justification*—Austin Bollinger and Chris Price (Multi-Purpose Room)

High School: *Who Am I? What God Says About Identity and Purpose*—
Jeremy Maestro (Associate Pastor's Office)

Community Groups

Weekly small group Bible studies in church members' homes.

Sundays – 121 Boyd Drive, Flat Rock, 5:00 PM—Contact: Ben Oldham, 912.531.5864

Mondays – 1915 Little River Road, Flat Rock, 6:30 PM—Contact: Glen Reid, 828.393.5004

Tuesdays – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 4:00 PM—Contact: David Taylor, 757.375.5062

Thursdays – 419 Jacamar Way, Hendersonville, 6:30 PM—Contact: Doug Dolan, 301.384.4442

Fridays (1st & 3rd) – 116 7th Ave. W. (Kirkside Hall), 6:00 PM—Contact: Levi Friedly, 720.618.3533

Fridays (Bi-weekly) - 147 BlackBerry Hill Lane, Horse Shoe, 6:00 PM—Contact: Austin Bollinger, 828.845.0798

Additional Connections this Week

Sunday	12:00 PM Happy Life Team Meeting 5:00 PM Boyd Drive Community Group 5:00 PM SNL & Youth Group
Monday	6:30 PM Flat Rock Community Group
Tuesday	4:00 PM Kirkside Hall Community Group
Wednesday	6:00 PM Outreach & Missions Team Meeting
Thursday	6:30 PM Jacamar Way Community Group
Friday-Sunday	ARP Middle School Retreat
Friday	6:00 PM Horse Shoe Community Group 6:00 PM Friday Kirkside Community Group
Saturday	7:30 AM 2/4 Men's Study

Free church parking is available at the Bank of America, First Bank, Staton Law Firm, Hill Law Office, and Allstate Insurance on Church Street. Please note that the lot directly behind the Hill Law Office is paid parking. All violators will be ticketed and towed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The special offering for March will go to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM).
2. There will be a Happy Life Team Meeting following worship today.
3. Easter choir rehearsals begin this Thursday, March 20, at 5 pm in the sanctuary. Contact Keith Rose at 989-627-3573 with questions.
4. SNL & Youth Group will not meet next Sunday, March 23.
5. Ladies and daughters, please join us next Sunday, March 23, for an "Eat & Meet" lunch following worship in Kirkside Hall. We honor the proud mothers Michelle McGuire and Sloan Glenn and the new additions to their families and ours, Annie Lynn McGuire and Ira Jesse Glenn.
6. The Outreach and Missions Team is hosting a baby shower for Open Arms Pregnancy Center on Saturday, March 29, from 11 am-1 pm, in Kirkside Hall. We hope to collect resources for moms and babies in our community who are in need. Please come for food, drink, and a time of fellowship. Contact Aubrey Friedly at 828-434-1161 for more information.
7. The Reid/George Shepherding Group will have a luncheon on Sunday, March 30, in the fellowship hall following worship. All visitors are invited to attend. Please RSVP on the Get Connected tab by March 23.

The flowers today are given by Paul and Ryan O'Neill in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Abbey to Randall Griffin on March 13, 2025, and in celebration of Paul and Ryan's wedding anniversary on March 17.

MARCH USHERS

Seth Brown, Skip Goldsmith, Steve Levin
Charlie Johnson, Bill O'Brien

MARCH GREETER

Jessie Callaway

Valet Parking is available
10:15 - 10:40 AM

GET CONNECTED

(Place in offering box)

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

- I am visiting today
- RSVP to the Reid/George Shepherding Group Lunch on March 30

I'D LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ARP Denomination
- Baptism
- Children's Ministry
- Community Groups
- Membership
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- Missions/Outreach
- Music Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
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COMMENTS/PRAYER REQUESTS

(Continue on the back)

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